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## LONDON EAGERLY AWAITS ANSWER TO NOTE OF U. S.

On Receipt of Protest the  
British Cabinet Debates  
Problem.

TEXT NOT MADE PUBLIC

British Press Does Not Ex-  
pect Broad Con-  
cessions.

WASHINGTON IS CONFIDENT

Officials Say There Is No Possibility  
of Communication Involving  
U. S. in Trouble.

By W. ORTON TEWSON.  
London, Dec. 30.—For the first time  
since the beginning of the war, the war  
itself was today relegated to second  
place in public interest. The American  
note to England has been and is the  
overshadowing topic.

Sir Edward Grey returned to town  
early this morning and immediately  
went to the foreign office to receive and  
read the protest of the United States  
against alleged unwarranted interference  
by Great Britain with American  
shipping. The foreign minister directly  
called a conference over the note at his  
office, at which were present, besides  
himself, the chancellor of the exchequer,  
the first lord of the admiralty, the home  
secretary, the secretary of the board of  
trade, and Sir Francis Hopwood.

At the close of this conference the note  
was laid before a full meeting of the  
cabinet. The text of the note was not  
made public, as expected, thus giving  
the through the second day to much  
speculation as to just what the document  
contained.

Text of Note Withheld.  
At the foreign office it was said the  
British government could not reveal the  
text of the note, and that the American  
note had no authorization to make it  
public. The only information  
conveyed by Mr. Grey was that the  
note was "most friendly."

Official England chose to talk mainly  
of the friendly assurances of the note.  
The public, as reflected in the press, and  
in other quarters, was more concerned  
with the unmistakable firmness of its  
demands.

Not until Sir Edward Grey took the  
note before the cabinet did London realize  
that the United States had taken a  
hand in the situation and apparently  
meant to play what she considers her  
rightful part to a finish.

Everywhere today there was a disposi-  
tion to judge the note more by the sup-  
posed motive behind it than by the  
merits of the American complaint. Several  
prominent Englishmen expressed the  
opinion that politics was the cause of  
its promulgation.

Stronger than any conviction in the  
British mind, however, is the feeling that  
the United States has finally descended  
from its pedestal of neutrality to aid the  
German cause. This mistaken judgment  
cannot be said to have any place in the  
British foreign office, but the charge is  
openly made in responsible journals.

Expect "No" as Answer.

The Globe tonight, after the heading  
"The silent neutral," says:

"Violations of all of The Hague con-  
ventions to which America is a signatory,  
and in the promotion of which America  
has borne an honorably prominent part,  
have been flagrant and repeated, but the  
American government has declared its  
inability to utter a word of protest. The  
American government has remained silent  
in the face of indefensible outrages  
inflicted on Belgium. The voice of the  
great neutral nation is raised for the  
first time, not on any question of higher  
morality, but to express impatience with  
the fact that the greatest war in the  
history of the world has interfered with  
the opportunity of traders to make  
profits."

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COMMITTEES IN HARMONY.

Fletcher Says Rivers and Harbors  
Bill Presents No Difficulties.

Senator Fletcher, of Florida, chairman  
of the subcommittee on the Senate Com-  
mittee on Commerce, now considering the  
rivers and harbors appropriation bill,  
stated yesterday that the subcommittee  
was apparently in harmony with the  
House committee on most of the items  
considered thus far. He offered no es-  
timate as to the total of the bill.

Senator Burton, of Ohio, the one mem-  
ber of the subcommittee who is actively  
lighting to reduce the appropriation,  
was confident no new project would be  
accepted and that not more than \$30-  
\$40,000 for rivers and harbors would be  
approved by the Upper House.

Sultan Dishonors Khedive.

Constantinople, Dec. 30.—Saiding his  
authority on the Koran, the Sultan to-  
day issued a decree depriving Prince Hussein,  
the new Khedive of the British pro-  
tectorate of Egypt, of every Turkish de-  
coration and ordering him court-martialed  
on the charge of turning over Egypt  
to England. Prince Hussein was formerly  
an officer in the Turkish army.

## ANOTHER U. S. SHIP SEIZED BY BRITISH

New York, Dec. 30.—News of  
another seizure by a British war  
vessel of an American merchant  
ship reached here today. The  
Cass Line got a cable from Capt.  
Mitchell, of the steamship Car-  
mely, which sailed from Boston  
for Bremen on December 24 with a  
cargo of cotton and wool val-  
ued at \$1,000,000, to the effect  
that the vessel had been taken  
by an English gunboat and was  
being conveyed to Falmouth,  
England.

## GOOD-BY, 1914; HOWDY, NEW YEAR

Washington Will Bid Fare-  
well and Greeting as Clocks  
Chime Midnight.

SONGFEST AT TREASURY

Churches Will Hold "Watch Night"  
Services—Gayety to Reign in  
Cafes and Clubs.

In an endless variety of ways, ranging  
from quiet church services to boisterous  
bilarity over the punch bowl and the  
well-filled table, Washingtonians tonight  
will say good-by to the old year and wel-  
come the dawn of a new twelve-month.

Reservations in all the big cafes have  
been taken, clubs and other organiza-  
tions have arranged for dances, churches  
have announced "watch night" services, liquor  
establishments have laid in extra sup-  
plies, and the police force in the down-  
town section has been increased mightily  
—all of which means that the National  
Capital is ready to celebrate.

The District Christian Endeavor  
Union will hold its second annual song-  
fest on the south steps of the Treasury  
Building, commencing at 10 o'clock.  
Hymns and household songs will be  
sung, the words and tunes being flashed  
on a stereopticon screen. A chorus of  
several thousand voices under the di-  
rection of Percy S. Foster will lead in  
the singing. There will be a short  
prayer and short scriptural reading.

The Chevy Chase Club will hold its  
usual New Year's Eve dance.

Among the churches at which "Watch  
Night" services are to be held are the  
Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, G  
street, near Fourteenth northwest; Trinity  
M. E. Church, Fifth street and Penn-  
sylvania avenue southeast; Calvary M.  
E. Church, Columbia road, near Fif-  
teenth street northwest; Wesley M. E.  
Church, Fifteenth and F streets northwest;  
Immanuel Baptist Church, Sixteenth  
street and Columbia road southwest;  
Fifth Baptist Church, E street, near Sev-  
enth street southwest; Anacostia Baptist  
Church, Thirteenth and W streets south-  
east; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eleventh  
and H streets northwest; St. Mark's  
Lutheran Church, Eighth and B streets  
southwest; the Eckington Presbyterian  
Church, North Capitol street and Florida  
avenue.

## KAISER TAKES TURN FOR WORSE; CONDITION SERIOUS, ROME REPORT

Rome, Dec. 30.—It is rumored that  
the Kaiser has had a relapse and that  
his condition is serious. It is im-  
possible to obtain confirmation of this  
report.

## WASHINGTON PRISONER FAVORED BY PRESIDENT

Henry Huth, Serving Life Sentence  
for Killing Mrs. Agnes Levi in  
1904, Receives Commutation.

Convicted of second degree murder in  
connection with the killing of Mrs. Agnes  
Levi, sixty-two years old, on August 1,  
1904, and sentenced to life imprisonment  
in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta,  
Henry Huth's term was yesterday short-  
ened to twenty years by President  
Wilson.

According to the police, Huth was  
merely a youth at the time of the trag-  
edy, and during a heated argument  
slashed Mrs. Levi to death with a razor.  
The killing occurred at 1217 E street  
northwest. Huth made a spectacular es-  
cape over several building tops, but was  
arrested two days later in an alley in the  
Fourth police precinct by Policemen  
Lester and Farquhar, after he had at-  
tempted suicide.

He was sentenced in December, 1904,  
in granting executive clemency the Pres-  
ident acted on the grounds that the mur-  
der was done in great heat of passion,  
and the sentence imposed was too severe.  
J. P. Huth, 621 Tenth street northeast,  
a brother, did not know of the President's  
action until notified by The Washington  
Herald last night.

Ex-Representative McKinley Dies.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Duncan E. Mc-  
Kinley, former Representative and sur-  
vivor of the port of San Francisco, was  
stricken with apoplexy just as he was  
sitting down to dinner with his family in  
Berkeley tonight and died a few minutes  
later.

## 'FAKE' REPORTS ON PHILIPPINES ARE DENOUNCED

Sponsor of Independence Bill  
Says Enemies Wire False  
Statements.

FILIPINO CLUB DINES

Virginian Pronounces "Silly  
Stories" as Dying Gasp of  
Their Opponents.

"REPORTS ARE INCREDULOUS"

Former Head of Insular Affairs Com-  
mittee Congratulates Those Present  
Upon Friendship of Mr. Jones.

Representative Jones, of Virginia,  
chairman of the House Insular Affairs  
Committee and author of the Philip-  
pine independence bill, charged that  
enemies of the measure are trying to  
prevent its passage by wiring untrue  
and misleading reports to the United  
States of internal troubles in the  
Philippines, in a speech last night at  
a dinner of the Filipino Club at the  
New Willard.

Addressing Filipinos assembled in  
honor of the memory of Jose Rizal,  
who went to a martyr's death at hands  
of Spaniards, December 30, 1898, Rep-  
resentative Jones asserted that the per-  
sons trying to defeat the pending bill  
have insulted the intelligence of the  
American Congress and people by re-  
porting to the medium of "fake" news  
reports.

Representative Jones declared that dis-  
semination of such reports are "mis-  
erable, contemptible, assinine, foolish,  
silly" performances which represent the  
dying gasp of the people who want to  
foretell the independence of the Philip-  
pine people.

He asserted that these enemies of the  
bill reveal the limitations of their intel-  
ligence by showing they have no other  
measure with which to combat the  
measure with such methods. "These  
enemies of independence," he said, "have  
come to realize the American people have  
awakened to the fact that the Philippines  
ought to have independence."

"Only this morning I read a newspaper  
report that Gen. Aguinaldo is mounting  
rapid-fire dissemulations of such a  
tale indeed must be ignorant to believe  
that the American people are so dense  
and stupid as to swallow such a foolish  
statement. These reports are so incred-  
ulous that I believe it was entirely un-  
necessary for Gov. Harrison to send  
cables refuting them."

"Filipinos Will Approve."

Representative Jones said he believed  
that if the Philippine bill is passed it  
will meet the approval of true thought-  
ful and patriotic Filipinos. "The bill does  
not represent all I wanted it to repre-  
sent," he said, "because I wanted the  
measure to contain a fixed and definite  
promise of complete independence in the  
Philippines at a fixed and definite time."

"I would not now be a member of the  
House of Representatives if I had not  
strongly desired to see a Democratic  
Congress pass a Philippine independence  
bill that would be signed by a Democratic  
President."

Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin,  
former chairman of the House Insular  
Affairs Committee, denounced attacks  
that have been made to exploit the Phil-  
ippines, and declared "the island never  
will be exploited with the will of the  
American people and the American Con-  
gress, or while William A. Jones, of Vir-  
ginia, is at the head of the Philippines  
Committee."

Tribute to Jones.

Manuel L. Quezon, Resident Commis-  
sioner, as toastmaster, introduced Rep-  
resentative Jones with the statement  
that "it matters not whether the Demo-  
cratic party or the American people keep  
their pledges, Mr. Jones always will be  
entitled to the love and honor of the  
Filipinos."

Among the other speakers were Eulogio  
Benitez, Maximino M. Kalaw, and Manuel  
Earnshaw, Resident Commissioner.

JAPS ON WAY TO RUSSIA.

London Legation Hears that Thirty  
Steamers Carry Troops.

London, Dec. 19, (by mail to New  
York).—Information has reached a  
foreign legation here to the effect that  
transportation of Japanese troops by  
sea to the Russian port of Vladivostok  
has been going on for some time and  
that soldiers of the Mikado are already  
on their way to Europe over the Trans-  
Siberian Railroad. Thirty steamers are  
said to have carried the troops from  
Japan.

"CONSULAR AIDS" PRAISED.

Boy and Girl Who Helped Affir  
War Starred Commended.

President Wilson yesterday received  
two youngsters who got a certificate of  
commendation from the American consul  
at Lucerne, Switzerland, because of ju-  
riotic work done for him shortly after  
the outbreak of the European war. The  
children were Caroline and Francis X. Carmody,  
of Brooklyn, N. Y., nine and seven years  
old, respectively. The President com-  
plimented the boy and girl on their sur-  
vival.

## BOMBS SPREAD DEATH IN DUNKIRK; 15 DIE

London, Dec. 30.—Seventeen  
bombs were dropped on Dunkirk  
today by German air raiders. Fifteen  
persons were killed and more than  
thirty wounded. A number of women and children  
were among the victims.  
The raid was carried out by  
five hostile aviators who began  
dropping the missiles as soon as  
they arrived over the city.  
This is the most destructive  
attack yet delivered by the Ger-  
mans on the French coast.  
The bombardment of Furnes,  
it is thought, was by the same  
squadron who raided Dunkirk.

## "U. S. CONTROLS WAR'S OUTCOME"

Vollmer Says to Stop Ex-  
portations Would Mean  
Its Early End.

"WE MUST FIGHT JAPAN"

Argues Germans Would Then Be Our  
Only Allies Before Foreign Af-  
fairs Committee of House.

Representative Henry Vollmer, of  
Iowa, who was born of German par-  
ents, made a passionate appeal before  
the House Committee on Foreign Af-  
fairs yesterday for favorable action on  
his resolution prohibiting the exporta-  
tion of munitions of war to the belliger-  
ent powers of Europe.

Mr. Vollmer told the committee that  
the American people are "money mad,"  
that the United States, in permitting  
the sale of munitions of war to the  
belligerents, is a partner "in the great  
crime against civilization in all his-  
tory."

United States Could Stop War.

"Are we so anxious," he asked, "to  
achieve the reputation of being the  
arth-hypocrite of the world that we go  
into the Lord's sanctuary and offer  
prayers for peace when we have blood  
money in our pockets?"

He declared that if the United States  
would refuse to export munitions to Europe  
the war would come to an end in ninety  
days. Incidentally, he ventured the  
opinion that it would be utterly impos-  
sible for the allies "ever to conquer the  
Germans." He made the prophecy that  
some day Germany will strike direct at  
England. He protested that if the war  
continues "universal bankruptcy will en-  
sue, in which this country may be  
plunged."

He suggested that America  
must at some time in the future make  
an issue with Japan on the Pacific. In  
a conflict with Japan, Representative  
Vollmer suggested, Germany would be  
America's only ally. He uttered a note  
of warning that the United States should  
assume an attitude calculated to retain  
the friendship of Germany. This could  
be done by placing an embargo on the  
shipment of arms. He threw this shot  
at the makers of arms and ammunition:

"These contractors' influence, through  
a servile press, is known to all of us.  
They would not hesitate to drag this  
nation to the verge of war if it meant  
profits to them."

Yellow Alliance III Omen.

Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri,  
who was born in Germany, appeared in  
support of a resolution he had offered  
prohibiting the exportation of munitions  
of war. Mr. Bartholdt characterized the  
sale of munitions as "dollar neutrality  
sold for English gold."

"England's alliance with the yellow  
race," he cried, "is an ill omen for the  
United States."

Referring to the stoppage of cotton  
shipments and the resultant effect upon  
business in the South, Mr. Bartholdt said:

"We have let these things go until  
now when if we had insisted on our  
rights we would be in a better position  
to protect our commerce."

Mr. Bartholdt referred to America as  
an "ally" and insisted that "25,000,000  
persons in this country believe we are wag-  
ing war on Germany."

"We are selling to only one side,"  
he added. "Our munitions are going to  
the hordes of yellow, black, and brown  
men, called to the aid of the allies  
against Germany."

GERMANS ENGAGED PORTUGUESE

Battle Fought December 18, in  
West Africa, Is Reported.

Lisbon, Dec. 30.—The following details  
of fighting between German invaders  
and Portuguese troops in Portuguese  
West Africa (Angola), on December 18,  
were received today from the commander  
of the Portuguese forces:

The Germans attacked Huilla. The  
Portuguese losses include one captain  
killed, a lieutenant and two sublieuten-  
ants missing, and a captain, a lieutenant,  
and a sublieutenant wounded. Another  
lieutenant was taken prisoner. A list of  
privates killed is now being made up.  
The losses indicate the fighting was very  
severe.

Alimony Found Drying Up.

New York, Dec. 30.—The plea that the  
theatrical business this season is "pre-  
carious" was advanced today by Joseph  
L. Plunkett, a theatrical manager, in  
seeking a reduction of \$20 a week al-  
imony he was ordered to pay Mrs. Sue  
Plunkett, suing for a divorce. Justice  
Goff, of the Supreme Court, denied the  
motion. Miss Plunkett also is suing Miss  
Nance Gwyn, a dancer, alleging aliena-  
tion of her husband's affections.

## AUSTRIAN LOSS NOT DEATH BLOW

Petrograd Expects Defeated  
Enemy to Return to  
Conflict.

PEACE CRIES NOT HEARD

Demands for End of War Have Little  
Support in Influential Circles  
of Nation.

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—The estimate  
made here that the Austrian losses in  
the Carpathians recently were between  
30,000 and 40,000 would mean that three  
out of the five Austrian armies have  
been, to all intents and purposes, de-  
stroyed. This probably is an over-  
sanguine view. Past experience has  
shown that Austria-Hungary, in spite of  
the chronic financial economic crisis  
she suffered even before the war began,  
possesses astonishing powers of recu-  
peration. The struggle in Europe ap-  
pears to have had a cohesive rather  
than a disruptive effect on her patch-  
work nationalities.

The feeling in Hungary in favor of  
a separate peace seems to be gaining  
ground rapidly, but so far as is known  
here it has, up to the present, gained  
little support in influential quarters of  
the Magyar kingdom. It will probably  
be sometime yet before the dual mon-  
archy realizes that it is beaten.

Germany Still Strong.

There is no reason to suppose that  
Germany has delivered the last of her  
attacks, or is prepared to resign herself  
to a defensive campaign on her own  
frontier, which would not another stream  
of refugees pouring to the westward.

Her anxiety to hold back the operations  
from her own soil is obvious, and as the  
flank of her allies swings back she prob-  
ably will withdraw her troops in good  
time and order, only that she may bet-  
ter be able to prepare a fresh blow.

Though the Germans have suffered  
heavily during the past few weeks, the  
fighting efficiency of their larger units  
probably has undergone no serious draw-  
backs.

## BANKERS OPTIMISTIC; BALANCES ARE HEAVY

Present Week in Retail Business Is  
Sluggish, Though Invoicing  
Keeps Clerks Busy.

The last week of the year has been a  
poor one for retail business in Wash-  
ington, Christmas buying having left  
the markets dull and sluggish. The  
slack trade, however, comes as a boon  
to merchants, who are working their  
employees on annual invoicing.

The few days following Christmas  
and shortly after the beginning of the  
new year present many advantages to  
shoppers. Not only will they be able  
to take more time in the selection of  
stock, but they are shown many genu-  
ine bargains. Superfluous stock from  
Christmas and the clearance by in-  
voices have resulted in considerable re-  
ductions in prices.

Bankers and money lenders are opti-  
mistic. Deposits are normal, although  
it might be imagined that holiday buy-  
ing would drain bank balances. Pre-  
ceding Christmas, however, heavy de-  
positing was experienced by all banks,  
and while the excess was withdrawn for  
Yuletide purchases, but little was  
taken from the usual credit.

## CHRISTMAS AMENITIES EXCHANGED BY ENEMIES

Britishers Discuss Mince Pies with  
German Warriors—Return  
Courtesy Halted.

Northern France, Dec. 30.—On Christ-  
mas morning two British soldiers, after  
signaling a truce of good fellowship  
from the crown of their trench, walked  
across to the German lines with a plate  
of mince pies. Their reasonable mes-  
sages were most cordially received.  
They had a good feed and a bottle of  
lebkuchen and were sent back with a  
packet of Christmas cards for distribu-  
tion among their fellows.

Later in the day the Germans re-  
turned the compliment and sent a  
couple of caparisoned heralds across to  
our dug-outs. An officious soldier  
promptly arrested them and sat them  
down in a corner of his trench. Pres-  
ently an officer came along and asked:  
"What in the world have you got  
there?"

"Beg pardon, sir," replied the soldier.  
"But a couple of lebkachens and said  
they'd come to wish us 'appy returns,  
so I nabbed 'em, sir."

Realizing that he was hardly playing  
the game, the officer read the sentry  
an homily on the amenities of the  
festive season and asked the landstrum  
men to depart with the compliments of  
the season to their own lines.

"Fireflies" May Skate.

It's a question of "what are you  
gonna do with it?" for skaters. There  
is eight inches of ice on the Tidal  
Basin, but the surface of the ice has  
become soft and skating cannot be re-  
sumed until there is a drop in tempera-  
ture. If, as predicted, there is a drop  
in temperature today, there will be  
skating, and the fiery carnival  
planned for Tuesday evening, will be  
held on the evening of New Year's Day.

## GERMANY HURLS DEATH- FROM SKIES; FLANKING MOVE OF ALLIES WINS

## GERMAN PLANES LEAVE DEATH IN WAKE IN POLAND

Many Are Killed by Bombs  
Dropped by Five  
Aviators.

PROPERTY LOSS HEAVY

Fighting for Possession of St.  
Georges Continues in  
West.

CLOUDBURST RUINS TRENCHES

Prince Henry of Prussia May Take  
Command of Fleet—Indication  
of Activity Planned.

By FREDERICK WERNER.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Five German air-  
men made a raid over the Polish city  
of Sochaczew, dropping forty bombs which  
did much damage to property and killed  
many persons, according to a dispatch  
received today from the eastern front.  
Part of the city was destroyed when  
the bombs set fire to wooden houses.

Sochaczew is on the Buzura River and  
Warsaw Railway. It is thirty-two miles  
west of Warsaw.

An official statement issued here today  
admits that the German troops have been  
compelled to evacuate the little town of  
St. Georges, Flanders. Fighting for the  
town, which was taken in a surprise at-  
tack by the allies, is still going on. The  
statement:

"In the western theater of war we are  
still fighting for the hamlet of St. Geor-  
ges, southeast of Nieuport, which we  
were compelled to evacuate owing to a  
surprise attack."

Damage from Cloudbursts.

"A storm, culminating in cloudbursts,  
damaged the positions on both sides in  
Flanders and Northern France."

"On the rest of the front the day passed  
quietly."

"In East Prussia, the Russian cavalry  
has been driven back in the direction  
of Kilkainen. The situation is unchanged  
in Poland on the right bank of the Wie-  
sel (Vistula). Our offensive continues  
on the west bank of that river and the  
east bank of the Buzura."

"Fighting continues on the east bank  
of the Buzura and also at Holowitz and  
to the southwest."

Deny Petrograd Reports.

Information from outside sources  
gives the impression that Ilowiz and  
Skierwies are not in our possession.  
We captured these towns over six days  
ago."

Official denial is made of Petrograd  
reports to the effect that the Russians  
are advancing south of Nowolod. Ger-  
man dispatches say the Germans have  
repulsed all attacks in that quarter of  
Russia-Poland.

Among the items given out by the  
official press bureau is the following:  
"A member of the German govern-  
ment states that talk about peace nego-  
tiations between Germany and France  
is premature. However, it must be ad-  
mitted that any neutral power is en-  
titled by the rules of The Hague con-  
vention to make suggestions, and these  
could not be considered unfriendly by  
any belligerent power."

Prince May Command Fleet.

Velled references have been made to  
a German retirement near Arras where  
the French have massed about 400 pieces  
of artillery and the British have about  
half that number.

It is reported that Prince Henry of  
Prussia, may be put in supreme com-  
mand of the German fleet. This may  
indicate German naval activity on a  
large scale in the near future.

## TWO HOLD UP TRAIN; ONLY ROB PASSENGERS

Bandits Spurn Mail and Express  
Cars, but Made Up from  
Rich Easterners.

Spokane, Tex., Dec. 30.—Southern Pa-  
cific train No. 3, through passenger train  
from New Orleans bound for Los Angeles  
and San Francisco, was held up a few  
miles east of here early today by two  
masked men.

The express and mail cars were left  
unmolested, but every passenger was rob-  
bed. The train was full of passengers  
bound mostly to California for the hol-  
idays, and carried standard Pullmans,  
tourists and chair cars.

Many rich Easterners were aboard.  
Margaret Anglin in "Green Stock-  
ings." Today 2:15, Columbia Theater;  
8:00 to 11:30—Ad.

## KAISER NEARLY HIT BY BOMB FROM SKIES

French Aviator Missed Royal Mark,  
but Managed to Break Up Christ-  
mas Dinner Party.

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—That Emperor  
William had a narrow escape from death  
at the hands of a French aviator while  
he was at German field headquarters in  
West Flanders on Christmas Day was  
the information contained in a dispatch  
received here today.

While the Kaiser was dining with his  
officers a French aviator flew over the  
German camp